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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]  
Director of Data Processing

FROM: [REDACTED]  
Information Handling Systems Architect

SUBJECT: Strategic Planning Concerns

REFERENCE: Memorandum for IHSA from D/ODP dated  
24 June 1982, Subject: Background  
Information for IHSA Strategic Plan

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1. While the background information of the reference memorandum was helpful in providing insight into the thinking within the ODP, it lacked the strategic planning specifics of concern. This office has been tasked to provide a strategic plan that is specific with respect to what is going to be provided, when, by whom, and for how much. We have been specifically admonished not to provide a plan for a plan. We also need to succinctly justify or present the rationale for these investments. We are presenting the cases for the long-term commitment of the government to major IHS investments, and senior Agency and Administration managers need to understand the necessity for those investments.

Your assistance is needed in assuring that those in ODP making contributions to the strategic planning effort understand these requirements. The material we have received has been much stronger in the budgetary and general approach, than in what and when specifics. I would hope that our people could work these problems through on an informal basis, with appropriate guidance.

In response to your memo, it also seems appropriate to identify and classify the few major concerns or disagreements that this Staff has with your expressed positions. This is done in the following paragraphs.

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